

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent ~~product with~~ product, comprising:
_____ a surface sheet which is ~~liquid-impermeable~~ liquid-impermeable; ~~positioned on an upper side,~~
_____ a back sheet which is liquid-impermeable ~~positioned on a lower side,~~ under the surface sheet; and
_____ an absorber containing super absorbent polymer to absorb discharged liquid liquid, the absorber being positioned between the surface sheet and the back sheet, the discharged liquid being discharged on the surface sheet,

wherein the surface sheet fully covers in a lateral direction, and partially or fully covers in a longitudinal direction, an upper surface of the absorber, the longitudinal direction being equivalent to a direction from front to back of a wearer's body when the absorbent product is worn and being perpendicular to the lateral direction, and
_____ a flow passage is provided to allow a part or all of the discharged liquid supplied to flow off from the surface sheet toward the backsheet and to move to a side of a boundary between the back sheet of the and the absorber, in order to absorb the part or all of the discharged liquid by the absorber, and the discharged liquid supplied to the surface sheet being absorbed from lateral and lower surfaces of the absorber without being directly absorbed by the upper surface thereof.

the surface sheet and the absorber are positioned so that the discharged liquid is not directly absorbed by the upper surface of the absorber and is absorbed from lateral and lower surfaces of the absorber.

2. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the flow passage is provided in at least one of both front and back ends of the absorber, on both right and left ends of the absorber and/or in the center of the absorber.

3. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the surface sheet is composed of a synthetic resin film which is single-layer.

4. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the surface sheet is composed of a laminate of a synthetic resin film and a nonwoven fabric provided on a surface of the upper side of the synthetic resin film.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 3, wherein the synthetic resin film has concave and convex portions that constitute the flow passage.

6. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the surface sheet is positioned in such a way that a portion of the upper surface of the absorber is exposed.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein a liquid-permeable guide sheet with the flow passage is laminated to at least a portion of the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

9. (Original) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein the guide sheet covers at least a portion of the lateral sides of the absorber directly or over the surface sheet.

10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein the guide sheet has concave and convex portions that constitute the flow passage and has apertures in some of or in all of the convex portions.

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein a skin-contactable sheet composed of liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is laminated to at least a portion of the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

12. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the back sheet is composed of a synthetic resin film.

13. (Original) The absorbent product according to claim 12, wherein the synthetic resin film that constitutes the back sheet has air-permeability.

14. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the back sheet is composed of a laminate of a synthetic resin film and a nonwoven fabric provided on the surface of the lower side of the synthetic resin film.

15. (Original) The absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein both the synthetic resin film and the nonwoven fabric that constitute the back sheet have air-permeability.

16. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the synthetic resin film that constitutes the back sheet has concave and convex portions and has apertures in some of or in all of the convex portions, and the nonwoven fabric that constitutes the back sheet is a water-resistant laminate of two layers or more, containing one layer or more than one layer of a spunbond nonwoven fabric and one layer or more than one layers of meltblown nonwoven fabric.

17. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 12, wherein the synthetic resin film that constitutes the back sheet has concave and convex portions constituting a liquid trap portion on the surface of the upper side thereof.

18. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the absorber is composed of a mixture of the super absorbent polymer and fluffy pulp wrapped with a liquid-permeable core-wrapping sheet.

19. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the absorber has two layers of liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics and the super absorbent polymer is inserted in-between.

20. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the absorber is constructed by having the super absorbent polymer supported by means of coating on a liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric.

21. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein a content of the super absorbent polymer in the absorber is 50 wt% or more.

22. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 1, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn;

a housing for an absorber unit adjacent to the absorbent product main body, continued to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof; and

an absorber unit structured by combining at least the surface sheet and the absorber, the absorber unit being removably received by the housing for the absorber unit.

23. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 37, wherein the guide sheet is included at least in a portion between the internal space of the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber unit.

24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 22, wherein a liquid-permeable skin-contactable sheet is included at least in a portion between the internal space of the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber unit.

25. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 22, wherein a ~~plurality of laminated absorber units are included in the housing for the absorber unit.~~unit includes a plurality of laminated absorber units.

26. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 1, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn; and

a housing for an absorber adjacent to the absorbent product main body, continued to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof, and

wherein an absorber is removably received by the housing for ~~the absorber;~~ and, the absorber; and,

wherein the surface sheet is included at least in a portion between the internal space of the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber.

27. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 38, wherein the guide sheet is laminated on the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

28. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 26, wherein a liquid-permeable skin-contactable sheet is provided at least on a portion of the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet.

29. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 26, wherein a ~~plurality of laminated absorbers are included in the housing for the absorber.~~absorber includes a plurality of laminated absorbers.

30. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein a urine-disposing portion extending from a center to a front section and a feces-disposing

portion extending from the center to a back section are provided and the surface sheet is provided only at the urine-disposing portion.

31. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 30, wherein a liquid-impermeable back-flow preventing sheet is included inside and/or on the upper surface of the absorber, at least at the feces-disposing portion.

32. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein a re-wet amount measured under a load of 0.1 ~~psi~~, 5 psi (5 minutes after the beginning of the absorption to allow a sodium chloride solution of 0.9 wt% in the amount equivalent to 50 % of the absorbing capacity of the absorber to be absorbed in the absorber at 25 °C under no ~~load, load~~) is 5 mL or less.

33. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 32, wherein the re-wet amount is 2 mL or less.

34. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 1, wherein the absorber's absorbing capacity of sodium chloride solution of 0.9 wt% is 300 mL or more,

~~and when saline is added to be absorbed by the absorber in the amount of 100 mL each time in three separate additions under no load in every 10 minutes, an average re-wet amount after three additions is 5 mL or less, and the standard deviation of the re-wet amount is 3 mL or less; and~~ and an average re-wet amount after three additions of 100 mL of saline under no load, one said addition every 10 minutes, is 5 ml or less; and

when saline is added to be absorbed by the absorber in the amount of 100 mL each time in three separate additions under a load of 0.1 psi in every 10 minutes, the mean absorption time of the three additions is 30 seconds or less, and the standard deviation of the absorption time is 2 seconds or less.

35. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 4, wherein the synthetic resin film has concave and convex portions that constitute the flow passage.

36. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, wherein a skin-contactable sheet composed of liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is laminated to at least a portion of the surface of the upper side of either the surface sheet or the guide sheet.

37. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 8, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn; and

a housing for an absorber unit adjacent to the absorbent product main body, continued to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof, and

wherein an absorber unit including at least the surface sheet and the absorber is removably received by the housing for the absorber unit.

38. (Currently Amended) The absorbent product according to claim 8, further comprising:

an absorbent product main body that can form an internal space to contain a wearer's objective region when worn; and

a housing for an absorber adjacent to the absorbent product main body, extending to the internal space, wherein the housing contains the back sheet on an inner wall thereof, and

wherein ~~an absorber that~~ the absorber is removably received by the ~~housing,~~ housing, and ~~the surface sheet is included~~ at least in a portion of the surface sheet is located between the absorbent product main body and the housing for the absorber.

39. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product according to claim 27, wherein a liquid-permeable skin-contactable sheet is provided at least on a portion of the surface of the upper side of the surface sheet or the guide sheet.